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Re App : William J. Worrell, Jr. et al  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Under Rule 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in response to the Final Office Action dated June 2, 2006 in the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees listed in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

No additional fee is required.

Yours very truly,

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a final Official Action mailed June 2, 2006, which carried a shortened-statutory period for response of three months so that a reply is due by September 2, 2006.

It is requested that the following amendments be entered as they are believed to bring the claims into condition for allowance or reduce the remaining issues should an Appeal be necessary: